

WAS IT A SUICIDE

Robert Rivers Dies in a Mysterious Manner

WITH MORPHINE BY HIS SIDE

His Friends and Physicians Unable to Tell the Cause of Death—Coroner Penwarden to Investigate.

There are some perplexing circumstances surrounding the death of Robert Rivers, which occurred last Thursday morning about 4:30 o'clock. At 3 o'clock, Dr. Joseph Albright was awakened at his residence, No. 33 Scribner street, and informed that he was wanted at No. 33 West Bridge street, where a man was dying. Arriving at the number given, he found Rivers gasping his last. His respiration was six, when it should have been sixteen or twenty. The doctor tried to arouse him, but in vain. He administered stimulants, but was no more successful. Rivers died at 4:30. His brother, Frank Rivers, with whom he was staying, said that on Thursday afternoon he had removed Robert from No. 30 Kent street, where he had been boarding. He was suffering with an abscess, for which Dr. McPherson had treated him, having lanced it twice and otherwise prescribed for him. In the evening of that day he suffered considerable pain, but he was sure that when he lay down and had some rest he would be all right. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivers went to bed, but the latter did not doze. Just before 3 o'clock she slipped into Robert's room to see how he was getting along. His breathing was labored and stertorous. She concluded he was sleeping and returned to her room. She continued to hear the heavy breathing and became alarmed.

His Head Off the Bed. She awoke her husband and together they went into the room, finding him lying with his head hanging over the edge of the bed, his hands covering his face. Near by was a vial of morphine, part of the contents of which had been taken. Dr. Albright knew nothing further than that about the case. He did not know whether the drug was taken with suicidal intent or not. He said he did not inform the coroner because Undertaker William Koch, whose establishment is located on Bridge street, and who had charge of the remains, told him it was not necessary. Frank Rivers said that his brother had not appeared despondent. That on the contrary he was to the best of his knowledge happy and worked. He was 22 years of age, situated in the brush factory and appeared satisfied with life. His opinion was that his brother had taken the deadly drug for the purpose of alleviating the pain which he was suffering, and had taken an overdose.

John Taylor, Rivers' room-mate at No. 30 Kent street, said that the deceased first complained last Monday. He did not think that he had taken any medicine other than that prescribed by Dr. McPherson. William Koch, the undertaker, on being asked why he did not report the case to the coroner, said it was not his business to investigate the cause of death.

Doctor Albright secured a burial permit yesterday and assigned the cause of death as "morphine poisoning." The funeral was to be held today at 2 o'clock, but Coroner Penwarden's notice was directed to the case last night and he will hold an inquest before the body is buried.

WANTED IN MUSKOGON.

Two "Skin" Game Artists Arrested by City Detectives.

Detectives Gast and Jakeway arrested David DeVries in Winograd's furniture store on South Division street, yesterday afternoon. The night before they arrested John Kroosma. Both are wanted by the Muskogon sheriff on a charge of grand larceny. The circumstances which led to their arrest, developed an old-fashioned skin game. One of the men approached John Van Dyke, a Muskogon susceptible, for the purpose of buying a horse and carriage. The negotiations resulted in \$200 being agreed upon as the price. De Vries did the talking. He didn't know Kroosma, but as a matter of fact they were pals and worked together. De Vries didn't have the cash, but had a deed to forty acres of land which he left with Van Dyke as a guarantee that as soon as he arrived in Grand Rapids he would send back \$200 and take up the deed. The money did not come. An investigation was made and it transpired that the paper left behind by the three Grand Rapids was a fake. The horse and carriage were found in the possession of the men arrested.

Involved in the Law.

Several days ago Mrs. Julia Goodyear began replevin proceedings against David R. Taft, proprietor of the Hotel Vendome. The latter purchased the place from the former. Besides assuming the indebtedness, some \$1,100, he brought with personal property she had, including the range in the kitchen. There was some misunderstanding as to the purchase contract. Mr. Taft claimed that the stove was the property of Mrs. Carpenter of the Warwick, from whom Mrs. Goodyear had bought it, but never paid for it. In the circuit court yesterday Mr. Taft began a counter suit in chancery, asking for an injunction restraining Mrs. Goodyear from interfering with the business of the hotel.

Harry Pease Missing.

Harry A. Pease, for the past six years connected with the business department of The Herald, has been missing since Wednesday. The young man has been leading a somewhat reckless life of late, and for cause was given notice that his services were no longer desired. His employment was mainly in the line of collecting for advertising and in doing this work he was enabled to misappropriate a considerable sum of money, but the exact sum cannot be ascertained until the books and accounts shall be thoroughly examined. His friends and relatives in the city know nothing of his whereabouts.

No Cause for Action.

Samuel H. Miller, who sued Benjamin F. Williams for \$1,000 for trespass, alleging that the defendant unlawfully cut a large number of trees off his land in Tyron was beaten, a jury in the circuit court yesterday rendering a verdict of no cause for action.

Over a Water Spout.

The case begun by Eliza Pennington against Mary Sealy was taken up by Judge Grove in the circuit court yesterday.

Today. The two ladies own houses adjoining each other. The water spout on Mrs. Pennington's house projects on to Mrs. Sealy's land. Some time ago they had a quarrel, which resulted in this suit, in which Mrs. Pennington seeks to have the water spout removed.

False Imprisonment Case.

The case of Silas White, colored, against Sheriff John McQueen, is now on trial in the circuit court. White wants \$5,000 damages for false imprisonment. He was arrested on the evening of August 2, last, for alleged participation in a row on a street car coming in from the lake. The arrest was made without process and White was discharged, there being no case against him.

Will of Arabella Leigh.

The will of Arabella Leigh of Gaines township was filed in the probate court yesterday. See leaves \$2,500 worth of personal property, and bequeaths it all to her husband John Leigh during his life time, then it goes to her three brothers and two sisters. William Cartwright of this city is one of the brothers.

Minor Court Notes.

David McConnell was tried and convicted in police court yesterday for committing a breach of the peace. He was arrested March 24 for conducting a disorderly dance in the basement of his saloon, No. 48 North Waterloo street.

Peter Van Seter, 15 years old, was arraigned in police court yesterday for being drunk. Sargent Webb said that he purchased six glasses of beer. In police court yesterday he said that he had not drunk beer. Hedrank only two glasses of sherbet. Judge Haggerty found him guilty.

Corra Ludeback began suit in the circuit court for divorce yesterday from her husband, George Ludeback, on the grounds of desertion.

Arthur Himsell was arrested on complaint of James H. Thaw and arraigned in police court yesterday, on a charge of assault and battery.

Mary Stein began suit for divorce from her husband in the circuit court yesterday on the grounds on extreme cruelty and non-support.

Carl Mattenrodt was arraigned in police court yesterday on the charge of assault and battery. Upon pleading guilty sentence was suspended upon payment of costs.

Among the faces in the prisoner's box in police court yesterday was John Mangold, a robust West Side saloon-keeper. He was arrested on complaint of his wife, Mary, for assault and battery.

LAW AND LAWYERS.

Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE ADAMS.

Samuel R. Miller vs Benjamin F. Williams trespass, verdict, no cause for action.

Silas White vs John McQueen, trespass on trial.

Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE GROVE.

Thomas Lillibridge vs Chauncey Lillibridge, trespass on the case.

Eliza Pennington vs Mary Sealy, ejectment.

THE CLEARING HOUSES.

Table Showing the Percentage of Increase or Decrease for the Week.

New York, April 9.—The following table compiled by Bradstreet's gives the clearing-house returns for the week ending April 7, 1892, and the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CLEARING HOUSES.	Clearings, Inc. Dec.
New York	\$2,128,291 25.3
Boston	\$2,352,535 25.3
Philadelphia	\$2,423,022 25.3
St. Louis	\$2,127,307 25.3
San Francisco	\$1,553,594 25.3
Chicago	\$1,925,200 22.1
Pittsburgh	\$1,421,234 25.3
New Orleans	\$1,713,432 25.3
Kansas City	\$1,861,722 25.3
Buffalo	\$1,253,200 25.3
Portland	\$1,123,200 25.3
Minneapolis	\$1,053,200 25.3
St. Paul	\$1,053,200 25.3
Omaha	\$1,053,200 25.3
Denver	\$1,053,200 25.3
Cleveland	\$1,053,200 25.3
Houston	\$1,053,200 25.3
Indianapolis	\$1,053,200 25.3
Memphis	\$1,053,200 25.3
Columbus	\$1,053,200 25.3
Richmond	\$1,053,200 25.3
Baltimore	\$1,053,200 25.3
San Antonio	\$1,053,200 25.3
Nashville	\$1,053,200 25.3
Washington	\$1,053,200 25.3
Portland, Ore.	\$1,053,200 25.3
Bozeman	\$1,053,200 25.3
Portland, Me.	\$1,053,200 25.3
Worcester	\$1,053,200 25.3
New Bedford	\$1,053,200 25.3
Waco	\$1,053,200 25.3
St. Louis	\$1,053,200 25.3
St. Paul	\$1,053,200 25.3
Norfolk	\$1,053,200 25.3
Wilmington, Del.	\$1,053,200 25.3
Grand Rapids	\$1,053,200 25.3
Seattle	\$1,053,200 25.3
Des Moines	\$1,053,200 25.3
San Diego	\$1,053,200 25.3
Los Angeles	\$1,053,200 25.3
Lincoln	\$1,053,200 25.3
London	\$1,053,200 25.3
Birmingham	\$1,053,200 25.3
Toronto	\$1,053,200 25.3
Yokohama	\$1,053,200 25.3
Savannah	\$1,053,200 25.3
Atlanta	\$1,053,200 25.3
Indianapolis	\$1,053,200 25.3
Total	\$21,282,291 25.3
Grand Rapids	\$1,053,200 25.3
Domestic of Canada	\$1,053,200 25.3
Montreal	\$1,053,200 25.3
Quebec	\$1,053,200 25.3
Toronto	\$1,053,200 25.3
Baltimore	\$1,053,200 25.3
Total	\$21,282,291 25.3

* Not included in totals.

HERSEY'S LITTLE GAME.

He Made Money on Cooper's Slips—Information Obtained from the Pension Office. Ownership for the Indiana Congressman said to Attorneys Who Were Willing to Pay Liberally.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The testimony submitted in the pension office investigation Thursday in regard to S. R. Hersey's action in selling information obtained from the pension office had the effect of bringing Representative Brookshire, of Indiana, and Representative Gantz, of Ohio, the two members who employ Hersey to do pension work for them, before the committee Friday morning. Mr. Brookshire said Hersey had been hired to attend to his pension business. So far as receiving any compensation from a soldier, the matter never entered his head, and if abuse of privilege had occurred by Hersey he never heard of it. Mr. Gantz made a similar statement.

S. R. Hersey was then called as a witness. He said he had been employed by Representatives Brookshire, Perkins, Brookshire and Straub, but he had no understanding that he was to receive pay from others than these

who employed him. Representative Cooper and he did not have any such understanding. The members who employed him did not know that he was receiving pay from attorneys. He was benefiting soldiers by giving information to attorneys, and that was all there was to it. He did not think the congressmen who employed him had knowledge that he was receiving pay from attorneys for furnishing information. He acknowledged selling this information on the call slip of Representatives Cooper and Brookshire, and thought he had done so on Representative Perkins' slips, but not on those of Representative Gantz.

Mr. Hersey admits that he sold information regarding something like 250 pension cases, and as the usual fee is \$25 he must have made considerable money out of the business.

Oriental Rug.

We have opened a permanent department for the exhibition of Oriental rugs, and you are cordially invited to inspect this beautiful offering.

SMITH & SAMPSON.

Use the A. & P. baking powder, absolutely pure, 45c per lb. Can only be bought at the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.'s, 108 Monroe street.

Low Rates to Detroit.

On account of the republican state convention at Detroit, the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad will sell tickets on April 13 and 14 good to return until April 15, at one and one-third fare.

GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

Hartman

is going out of the furniture business and is now selling his entire stock at prices that will surely close out the stock early in May.

Republican State Convention at Detroit.

For the republican state convention at Detroit, April 14, the D. G. H. & M. Railway company will sell excursion tickets good going April 13 and 14, and to return up to and including April 15, 1892. Fare \$6.00 for round trip.

The line of musical instruments offered at Friedrich's, Nos. 39 and 42 Canal street, comprising guitars, violins, band instruments, mandolins, etc., together with a large line of musical merchandise, is the most complete offered for sale in the city.

Buy Furniture at Hartman's closing

out sale. Now is your chance for bargains.

The display of fine pianos and organs at Friedrich's, 39 and 42 Canal street, this week is one of the most complete and elaborate ever offered the musical public of Grand Rapids. All the new styles of grand, upright, makes and forms are on sale. The instruments are all of the highest grade and their value sustained by the high character of Mr. Friedrich.

Go to the Great Atlantic & Pacific

T. A. Co. for your tea, coffee, baking powder and condensed milk. Watch for their Easter panel entitled Shoo, 108 Monroe street.

For Judge Arnold's Funeral

At Allegan today, special train will be run via Chicago & West Michigan railway, leaving Union station at 10 a. m., returning after the funeral in the afternoon.

GEORGE DEHAVEN, General Passenger Agent.

Bargains

in all lines of high grade furniture at Hartman's closing out sale. First come, first served.

Use the A. & P. baking powder, absolutely pure, 45c per lb. Can only be bought at the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.'s, 108 Monroe street.

Turkish and Russian baths, corner

Monroe and Iowa streets. Every Tuesday afternoon and evening and Friday forenoon reserved exclusively for ladies; balance the time for gentlemen. Remove curls, burnings and warts for men, women and children at the bath.

M. S. LA BOURSLE, Prop.

Three pounds of Mocha and Java

coffee for \$1 at the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., 108 Monroe street. Try it.

The Adams & Company Millinery

opening and Easter sale proved to be a phenomenal success. The display of hats was the largest and finest shown in the retail line this year and comprised many artistic French novelties and dress hats of surpassing beauty and elegance. Very large sales are being realized, the magnificent assortment is being fully kept up and many new things are arriving daily.

Go to the Great Atlantic & Pacific

Tea Co. for your tea, coffee, baking powder and condensed milk. Watch for their Easter panel entitled Shoo, 108 Monroe street.

Window Shades.

We are headquarters on window shades. Let us give you an estimate. You will be surprised how little money is required to shade your entire house.

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The family of Mrs. Lena Greulich

wish to tender their sincere thanks to their neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted them in their late bereavement—the death of their two sons, Fand and Adolf.

MRS. LENA GREULICH AND FAMILY.

Hark! I hear the mother sing.

Field's Worm Powders is just the thing. Pleasant to take, acting mild. By their use they cured my child. Ask your druggist for them.

Every sack of LILLY WHITE FLOUR

has a picture of our mill. None genuine without it. VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.

Wait for the Corl, Knott & Co. grand

Easter military opening of the retail

department, Tuesday and Wednesday

of next week.

Corl, Knott & Co.'s Opening.

The Easter opening of Corl, Knott & Co.'s retail millinery department will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday next. The event is being looked forward to with much interest, and eagerness by those desiring a sight of the latest novelties in French millinery. The Easter opening will be the event of the year in the line.

Knight of the Maccabees.

The Werner tent, No. 127, will give a pedro party Wednesday evening April 13, at their hall, corner of Fairfield and Coit avenues. All are invited to attend.

SYRUP OF FIGS



ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

CHICAGO, April 9.

WHEAT—Quiet and firm. Spring Wheat Patents, \$1.50; No. 1, \$1.45; No. 2, \$1.40; No. 3, \$1.35; No. 4, \$1.30; No. 5, \$1.25; No. 6, \$1.20; No. 7, \$1.15; No. 8, \$1.10; No. 9, \$1.05; No. 10, \$1.00; No. 11, \$0.95; No. 12, \$0.90; No. 13, \$0.85; No. 14, \$0.80; No. 15, \$0.75; No. 16, \$0.70; No. 17, \$0.65; No. 18, \$0.60; No. 19, \$0.55; No. 20, \$0.50; No. 21, \$0.45; No. 22, \$0.40; No. 23, \$0.35; No. 24, \$0.30; No. 25, \$0.25; No. 26, \$0.20; No. 27, \$0.15; No. 28, \$0.10; No. 29, \$0.05; No. 30, \$0.00.

WHEAT—Ruled very unsettled. No. 2 cash and April, \$1.45; No. 3, \$1.40; No. 4, \$1.35; No. 5, \$1.30; No. 6, \$1.25; No. 7, \$1.20; No. 8, \$1.15; No. 9, \$1.10; No. 10, \$1.05; No. 11, \$1.00; No. 12, \$0.95; No. 13, \$0.90; No. 14, \$0.85; No. 15, \$0.80; No. 16, \$0.75; No. 17, \$0.70; No. 18, \$0.65; No. 19, \$0.60; No. 20, \$0.55; No. 21, \$0.50; No. 22, \$0.45; No. 23, \$0.40; No. 24, \$0.35; No. 25, \$0.30; No. 26, \$0.25; No. 27, \$0.20; No. 28, \$0.15; No. 29, \$0.10; No. 30, \$0.05; No. 31, \$0.00.

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